



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The West Bank Athletic Club is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide the youth of the Cedar Riverside neighborhood and the Twin Cities area with quality, year-round, skill-based soccer training and sports programs for players age 5 to 18; and

WHEREAS: The West Bank Athletic Club's vision is to support and coach youth to be soccer players, athletes, leaders, and community members of distinction; and

WHEREAS: The West Bank Athletic Club aspires to represent the East African community of Minnesota in a positive way; and

WHEREAS: Through cooperation with parents, teachers, and youth organizations, the West Bank Athletic Club employs a holistic approach, assisting youth in developing an understanding of leadership, teamwork, self-discipline, responsibility, high standards of fair play, and respect for others through sports—primarily soccer; and

WHEREAS: The West Bank Athletic Club is hosting Somali-American Festival Week, an international soccer tournament featuring twenty-four teams ages 16-26 and eight youth teams ages 10-15 from across Minnesota, the United States, and Canada who will compete in a week-long competition at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 30-July 8, 2017, as:

# SOMALI-AMERICAN FESTIVAL WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE